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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith a list of patents and publications for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 (g) and (h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that the information cited is material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Applicants also wish to make the Examiner aware of co-pending applications:

10/477854, a PCT national phase filed on May 16, 2002;  
10/491263, a PCT national phase filed on October 2, 2002;  
10/533838, a PCT national phase filed on November 5, 2003;  
10/541522, a PCT national phase filed on January 13, 2004;  
10/541656, a PCT national phase filed on January 13, 2004;  
10/541664, a PCT national phase filed on January 13, 2004;  
10/550661, a PCT national phase filed on April 1, 2004;  
10/555980, a PCT national phase filed on May 13, 2004;  
10/555981, a PCT national phase filed on May 13, 2004;  
10/557067, a PCT national phase filed on May 13, 2004;  
10/557068, a PCT national phase filed on May 13, 2004;  
10/557069, a PCT national phase filed on May 13, 2004;  
10/730,265, filed on September 2, 2004; and  
10/596853, a PCT national phase filed on January 5, 2005.

In accordance with the U.S. Patent Office's partial waiver of the requirement under 37 C.F.R. 1.98(a)(2)(i), only copies of the foreign patent documents and non-patent publications are enclosed.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first office action on the merits and therefore, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), no fee is required pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p).

Respectfully submitted,

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